

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY

OF THE

CITY OF NEW YORK.

This Society was organized in 1868, under a charter from the State of New York.

Its objects and plans are for the advancement of the science of Medical Jurisprudence, by the collection, and preservation, and diffusion of useful knowledge in that science ; and it promises to rank as one of the most useful and efficient of institutions.

Such persons only as are in good standing in either the medical or legal profession, are eligible to *Membership*. Any persons who shall, by medico-legal, or medical, or legal contributions to the Society, or by a joint certificate of three resident members, furnish evidence of eminence in their professions, are eligible to *Corresponding Membership*. Physicians and lawyers of recognized eminence in their respective professions, whether resident or non-resident, are eligible to *Honorary Membership*. The number of *Honorary* members is limited to twenty, and is equally divided between the two professions.

The Society already numbers among its members many gentlemen of high scientific and professional attainments, as well as social position, both in this city and elsewhere, and it has for its Honorary and Corresponding members gentlemen of the highest scientific and professional reputation in their respective professions.

Among the measures at present contemplated, or in operation by the Society, are the following :

1. A collection of all standard and authentic works and books of reference in the English, French, and German Languages relating to Medical Jurisprudence, to be deposited and kept for public use, under proper regulations.

2. Stated meetings which are held on the fourth Thursday of every month, (June, July, August, and September excepted,) for the report of autopsies and exhibition of specimens connected with Medical Jurisprudence, with conversational discussions, personal experiences, &c.; and special meetings when ordered. These meetings are practically open and free to the public.

3. The Society's proceedings are published periodically, and are furnished to all its members, and sent in exchange to kindred institutions in all countries. They contain, at length, most of the papers read before the Society, and are, in some instances, illustrated by charts, drawings, and engravings.

4. Correspondence with scientific and professional gentlemen and others calculated to increase the extent and usefulness of the knowledge of Medical Jurisprudence.

5. Aiding and assisting courts when requested in eliciting the truth in questions arising in Medical Jurisprudence.

Contributions in aid of these several projects, will be thankfully received and acknowledged ; also, specimens, charts, drawings, engravings, pamphlets, and works of reference, reports of trials, inquests, and medical cases, and papers, and communications, and recent, and interesting information on topics of interest to the Society from all parts of the world, as well as means to promote the objects of the Society.

The number of resident and non-resident members, at present, is 250.

The following papers have been read before the Society since its organization :

“The law in reference to the Sale of Poisons by Druggists.” Francis Tillou, Esq.

“The Most Important Signs Determining whether a Child was Born Alive or Dead.” Henry Raphael, M. D.

"The Mutual Obligations between the Physician and the People."
Stephen Rogers, M. D.

"Sects in Medicine." J. C. Peters, M. D.

"Insanity in its Legal Relation to Crime." A. J. Chadsey, M. D.

"Medico-Legal Study of the case of Daniel McFarland, tried for
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"The Diagnosis of Hanging." A. Tardieu, M. D., Paris.

"Medico-Legal Study of the Gates' Will Case." C. A. Lee, M. D.,
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"Does the Law Deal Unfairly with Questions of Insanity?" Hon.
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"Medico-Legal Value of Confessions." W. A. Hammond, M. D.

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Criminal Responsibility of Inebriates." P. De Marmon, M. D.

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"The Legitimate Influence of Epilepsy upon Criminal Responsibility."
Meredith Clyner, M. D.

"The Availability of Chloroform and Similar Agents in Facilitating
Robbery." Stephen Rogers, M. D.

"Medico-Legal Notes on the Case of *Ruloff the Murderer*; with the
Description of his Cranium and Brain." George Burr, M. D.,
Binghamton.

"The Physical Status and Criminal Responsibility of the Totally
Uneducated Deaf Mute." Prof. Isaac Lewis Peet.

- “Homicide By Poisoning.” Wooster Beach, M. D.
- “Medico-Legal Points in the Case of David Montgomery.” Wm. A. Hammond, M. D.
- “The Ophthalmoscope in Medico-Legal Cases.” R. A. Vance, M. D.
- “Evidence of Medical Experts.” Isaac Ray, M. D., Philadelphia.
- “The Influence of Uremie and Alcoholic Poisoning on Testamentary Capacity.” Stephen Rogers, M. D.
- “The Criminal Use of Proprietary or Advertized Nostrums.” Ely Van De Warker, Syracuse, New York.
- “Epilepsy and its Relations to Insanity and Cases of Doubtful Responsibility Before Judicial Tribunals; with Remarks on Expert Testimony.” A. O. Kellogg, M. D., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
- “Juries and Physicians on Questions of Insanity.” R. S. Guernsey, Esq.

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SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF PAPERS READ BEFORE THE SOCIETY.

- “The Influence of Methomania on Business and Criminal Responsibility.” Dr. S. Rogers. 1868.
- “Methomania.” Dr. J. J. O’Dea. 1868.
- “Hereditary Diseases of the Nervous System, Unattended by Mental Alienation.” Dr. S. Rogers. 1869.
- “Hereditary Influence of, or ‘Heredete,’ with its Application to Alcoholic Diseases.” Dr. J. J. O’Dea. Dec., 1869.
- “Analytic Report of the Evidence and the First Trial of Dr. Paul Schœppe.” By an Especial Committee. Dr. Rogers, Chairman. 1869.
- “The Law Relating to Life Insurance.” Wm. Shrady. 1870, or 1871.
- “Report on Criminal Abortion, and Proposed Amendment of Law Relative Thereto.” By Special Committee. Dr. O’Dea, Chairman. 1872.
- “The Duties of a Medical Witness in Cases of Malpractice.” Dr. J. J. O’Dea.
- “What Constitutes a Dangerous Wound.” Dr. Henry Raphael.
- “The Causes of Sudden Death.” Dr. August Wohlfarth, Dr. R. Newman, Dr. C. C. Terry.
- “Infanticide.” Dr. C. C. Terry.
- “Evidences of Criminal Abortion.” Dr. T. B. Sterling.
- “Rape.” J. F. Miller, Esq.
- “Dipsomania in its Relations to the Mental Responsibility of the Criminal.” Dr. J. J. O’Dea.
- “Hereditary Transmissions of Mental Diseases.” Dr. J. J. O’Dea.
- “Hereditary Transmission of Mental Diseases and Dipsomania.” Dr. A. J. Chadsey.
- “The Law Bearing on Punishment for Habitual Drunkenness.” Wm. Shrady, Esq.
- “Mental Unsoundness, as Affecting Testamentary Capacity.” Jacob Shrady, Esq. ; Dr. A. J. Chadsey.
- “Moral Insanity.” Jacob Shrady, Esq. Dr. A. J. Chadsey.
- “Analysis of the Evidence in the Stennecke Alleged Poisoning Case at Carlisle, Pennsylvania.” Being the Report of the Committee appointed by the Society.
- “The Law in Reference to Suicide and Intemperance in Life Insurances.” Wm. Shrady, Esq.
- “The Medical Points in Regard to Suicide and Intemperance Provisos of Life Insurance Policies.” Dr S. Teller.

